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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 18 with the following:

Fig. 5 shows a plan view of beam receiving faces of four photodiodes of an exemplary monolithic photodiode device 15 according to a third embodiment. As shown in Fig. 5, the monolithic photodiode device 15 is arranged in place of the first and second photodiodes 5 and 6. The monolithic photodiode device 15 is obtained by forming beam receiving faces of four photodiodes 16 to 19 on a monolithic photodiode substrate. The photodiodes 18 and 19 functioning as the second photodiode 6 are placed adjacent to